

1st December 2023



Aaron from Trinity Street Trees delivering our Christmas tree kindly donated by Erin and Naomi's family – soon to be decorated by our children



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a good week at St Mary's and the children even got to see some snowflakes.

It was lovely to be joined by some of our families for our Liturgy for 'In November we Remember'.

Our PTFA have worked very hard to organise, set up and run the Christmas Shop for the children at St Mary's. The children 'shopped' today for Christmas gifts for their families and friends, which they really enjoyed. Many thanks to the members of the PTFA for all their hard work.



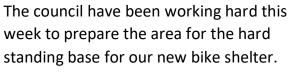






Today, Shire class visited Maumbury Rings as they are looking at the past in History. They learnt why the rings are there and what they have been used for in the past and thought about what they are used for now. They then discussed the similarities and differences. The children pretended to be Roman soldiers and they performed Christmas song for the adult helpers and then enjoyed their snack. The children loved it. Many thanks to our volunteer helpers.













Sleep a night on the floor - raising money for the Children's Society

We would like to raise money for the Children's Society by our pupils sleeping on the floor at home for one night between now and the 11th December.

If children can gain donations from family and friends for sleeping on the floor this would be great. Please bring in any donations by Friday 15th December and we will pass these onto the Children's Society. Please see the flier attached to the newsletter email – many thanks.

Please do email in a photo of your child sleeping on the floor and we will share this with the other children at St Mary's.

After School Clubs

Please note that next week is the final week for our current after school clubs. There are no clubs running during the last week of term, week 11th December.

School Photos

Just a reminder that the deadline for ordering school photos online from Fraser Portraits is Tuesday 5th December.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year, St Mary's raised an amazing £215.61 – well done.





Upcoming events

Next Monday is our Christmas St evening & our Advent Carol Servic Tuesday.

Event

		United Church
		(morning)
	Mon 11 th & Tues	Nativity Plays –
	12 th Dec (changed	2.15pm & 6.00pm
stories	from 12 th & 13 th)	
ce is on	Wed 13 th Dec	Kingston &
		Maurward
		Christmas
		production –
		Kingston &
		Maurward
		<mark>parents/carers</mark>
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n for St	Thursday 14 th Dec	Christmas Party
		Day – children to
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tle &		festive clothes. If
s will		children want to
arols at		bring in a special
use		treat to eat with
Home		their hot lunches
		or add a treat to
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tories		packed lunches,
5.00pm		they are welcome
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ssing	Friday 15 th Dec	End of Term Service
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ive hot		Christmas Holidays
	Tuesday 2 nd Jan	Children return to
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Date		
October to	Tesco community	
January 2024	project open for St	Т
	Mary's	
Monday 4 th Dec	Children from	
	Maiden Castle &	
	Iceni classes will	
	be singing carols at	
	Culliford House	
	Residential Home	
	during the	
	morning	
Monday 4 th Dec	Christmas Stories	
	Night 5.00-6.00pm	
	– children to come	
	in their PJs,	F
	snuggly dressing	
	gowns & clothes to	
	listen to Christmas	F
	Stories & have hot	
	chocolate &	Т
	biscuits	
	Advent Carol	
Tuesday 5 th Dec	Service for families	
	– 6.00-6.30pm at	
	St Mary's	
Friday 8 th Dec	Iceni class –	
	Journey to the	
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Kingston

This week in Kingston the children had two special visitors, Mary and Danni from Dorchester Library. They read Christmas stories and sang Christmas songs with the children. They talked about how children could visit the library and what there is to do there. Some children were telling Mary and Danni that they go to the Library often.

The visit put all of Kingston in a very festive spirit, and the children can't wait for them to visit again. One child said to Mary and Danni "You are welcome anytime"!







This week's Kids Corner comes from our Anning class, telling us what they have enjoyed & learnt this week.

> I have enjoyed that our work is extended from the work we did in Year 1 Darcie

I like Time for God, if I am sad, it makes me happy

Scarlett

I enjoyed making a castle in History

James L

I have enjoyed writing our stories in English about the Great Fire of London

Adriana

Have a good weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn Headteacher

I am enjoying gymnastics in PE

Poppy R